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CONGRESS REOPENS LIMITED FEDERAL GRANT ELIGIBILITY

The president's signature of the consolidated appropriations act for 2005 has temporarily expanded the number of brownfields eligible for federal funding under EPA's brownfield assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants. The funding may now be used as long as the recipient satisfies all of the elements to qualify as a bona fide prospective purchaser, even if the property was acquired prior to January 11, 2002. This is the same type of temporary "window" to apply that was enacted last year in the 2004 appropriations bill. The deadline to apply during this year's window is **January 14, 2005**.

EPA is reopening the FY2005 competition to allow both new applications, and resubmittal of this year's applications that EPA may have already deemed ineligible due to the date of purchase and the bona fide prospective purchaser provisions. Please see this EPA web page for more information regarding these provisions.

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/cleanup/superfund/common-elem-ref.pdf>

To qualify for the reopened competition, EPA says that applicants must have specific brownfields sites identified, and that these sites must now be eligible due to enactment of the new appropriations bill. Applications will not be considered for assessment grants or revolving loan funds that do not identify specific properties.

New or resubmitted applications must be received by 6:00 p.m. EST on or before January 14 2005, by Environmental Management Support, Inc., at the address supplied in the federal guidelines.

The guidelines are on the web at: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>